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Linking MGNREGS with Agriculture Works

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been demand from the State Governments viz. Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to the Ministry to link Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) with agriculture works;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the Government would include agriculture in the MGNREGS list of works?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) to (c): Agriculture related works are already permitted under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). The Sub Para (2) of Paragraph 4 of Schedule 1, MGNREGA, lays down that, "District Programme Coordinator shall ensure that at least 60% of the works to be taken up in a district in terms of cost, shall be for creation of productive assets directly linked to agriculture and allied activities through development of land, water and trees". The list of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA works directly linked to Agriculture and allied activities as per the Schedule-I of the Act are given in the Annexure.
